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In Re Application Of **Zhong, et al.**

Application No. 10/698,561	Filing Date October 31, 2003	Examiner Ryan A. Lepisto	Customer No. 022913	Group Art Unit 2883	Confirmation No. 1109
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Title: **THIN FILM INTERLEAVER**

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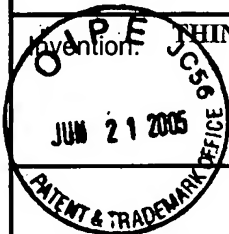
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed June 14, 2005 (the "Office Action"), the Examiner set forth a Restriction Requirement that identified what the Examiner has characterized as three distinct inventions. In particular, the Examiner suggested in the Office Action that the present application contains claims directed to the following three inventions:

I. - Claims 1-8, drawn to a thin film interleaver, classified in class 385, subclass 16;

II. - Claims 9-17, drawn to a demultiplexer, classified in class 398, subclass 95; and

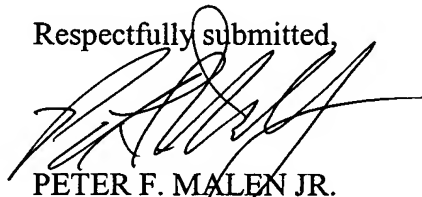
III. - Claims 18-22, drawn to a method of manufacturing a thin film interleaver, classified in class 438, subclass 29.

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicant hereby elects Invention I (claims 1-8, drawn to a thin film interleaver) for examination, without traverse.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

DATED this 21<sup>ST</sup> day of June, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,



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